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8 August 1983

Mr. William Hamilton
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Department of State
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Bill:

This letter confirms our telephone call of 1 August in which we asked about the review status of pages 61-69 TAT in the galley of Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), Volume XIV, 1952-54, China and Japan. The reference is to Special Estimate SE-29, published 18 June 1952, and originally classified TOP SECRET. In our review of the FRUS volume, we raised no objection to declassification of this special estimate, but in January 1981, under systematic review, we only downgraded it to CONFIDENTIAL.

We have now reconsidered our actions in this matter and have determined that SE-29 should not be released but must be held at CONFIDENTIAL under Section 1.3(a)4 and 5. We understand that review of this FRUS volume has not been completed, it is still being considered by the NSC, and we request that you delete SE-29 on pages 61-69 TAT in the FRUS. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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PART I. Findings and Recommendations

a. No objection to declassification and/or release. Clearances should be obtained from the following CIA components or agencies of the U.S. Government (leave blank if no further clearances are required): NSC, State, Defense

b. Declassification is impossible at this time. Applicable exemptions under E.O. 11652 are (circle one or more): 5(B)(1), 5(B)(2), 5(B)(3), 5(B)(4). Document may be automatically declassified on (if impossible to determine, leave blank). (Go to PART II.)

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PART II. Sanitization

a. Sanitization is impossible or inadvisable.

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5 August 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Classification of Special Estimate-29 in FRUS volume XIV, 1952-54, galley pages 61-69 TAT

In checking in FRUS, XIV, 1952-54 about a reference in a footnote in a DOD manuscript concerning SE-29 in TAT 61-69 of the FRUS, I discovered only one mention in the CRD FRUS Review record of TAT 61-69. This is on a Review Worksheet for TAT 61-69, part 6 of 39. The action indicated was: No objection to declassification and/or release. Clearances should be obtained from ... NSC, State, Defense. Reviewer: James Lilley, NI0/CH, 23 May 1978.

Then I checked the DARE listing which records that SE-29 was downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL on 1-30-81 under Systematic Review by CRD.

Next I checked with William Hamilton at State. He said that this FRUS volume is at NSC for review. When I explained the problem of a conflict in apparent classification actions, Hamilton agreed to put a hold on pages 61-69 TAT until we reached a decision.

I contacted [redacted] IRO for the DI. He said that Lilley is retired. [redacted] also said that he has authority to refer documents to the NI0s for review for declassification purposes or to make the review himself. He reviewed SE-29 and replied on 5 August 1983 that SE-29 should be held at CONFIDENTIAL.

Accordingly, we notified Hamilton at State to withdraw pages 61-69 TAT from the FRUS.

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